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In re Application of

Bystedt et al.

Application No. 10/707,332

Filed: December 5, 2003

Attorney Docket No. 0173.046.PCU00

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed February 21, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No further petition fee is required for the request. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the Office action mailed April 19, 2006, which set forth a period of reply of one (1) month or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on May 20, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed January 16, 2007.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply,(2) the petition fee,

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, and

(4) a terminal disclaimer and fee if the application was filed on or before June 8, 1995 or if the application is a design application.

Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Commissioner may require additional information.²

In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

² See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(C) and (D).

The instant petition lacks item(s) (1). The amendment submitted with the instant petition has still been deemed as non-responsive by the Technology Center, as it did not provide the corrected claim notations and is currently amended incorrectly. Any questions concerning this should be directed to the Technology Center.

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a request to change the address of record should be filed. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

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